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**RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL** 

In re Application of:

Engel et al.

For: Serial No.: CANNULA HAVING BUCKLE RESISTANT APERTURES 10/619,932

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Sir:

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- Response Transmittal
- Response to Election/Restriction Requirement
- Return Postcard

## **FEE CALCULATION**

- $\boxtimes$ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time.
- $\boxtimes$ Please charge any fees or credits to Deposit Account No. 13-2546 which may have been overlooked on this Transmittal with regard to this filing. A duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed.

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## RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement in the Office Action of April 26, 2005 applicants hereby elect Invention I, figs. 3-7, for prosecution in the present application. The claims believed to be readable on this species are claims 1-22. Claims 1, 2, and 4-7 are generic to the elected species and at least one more species. Applicants note that, upon allowance of a generic claim, a reasonable number of species claims may be recaptured. This election is made without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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